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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/2-101	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-101
40 ILCS 5/2-105	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-105
40 ILCS 5/2-107	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-107
40 ILCS 5/7-137	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-137
40 ILCS 5/8-113	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-113
40 ILCS 5/8-243	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-243
40 ILCS 5/9-108	from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 9-108

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the General Assembly Article, restricts participation in the General Assembly Retirement System to persons who become participants before the effective date of the amendatory Act and provides that, beginning on that date, the System shall not accept any new participants. Makes related changes. In the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Chicago Municipal, and Cook County Articles, provides that a person who holds part-time elective office is not an employee, contributor, or participant with respect to that office, unless he or she (i) was elected to that office before the effective date of the amendatory Act and (ii) has elected while in that office to become a contributor. Provides that an elective office shall be presumed to be part-time in the absence of an official job description or determination by the legal advisor of the applicable unit of local government, filed with the Board of the Fund, declaring the elective office to be full-time.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 2-101, 2-105, 2-107, 7-137, 8-113, 8-243, and 9-108 as
6 follows:

7 (40 ILCS 5/2-101) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-101)

8 Sec. 2-101. Creation of system. A retirement system is
9 created to provide retirement annuities, survivor's annuities
10 and other benefits for certain members of the General Assembly,
11 certain elected state officials, and their beneficiaries.

12 The system shall be known as the "General Assembly
13 Retirement System". All its funds and property shall be a trust
14 separate from all other entities, maintained for the purpose of
15 securing payment of annuities and benefits under this Article.

16 Participation in the retirement system created under this
17 Article is restricted to persons who became participants before
18 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
19 Assembly. Beginning on that date, the System shall not accept
20 any new participants.

21 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)

22 (40 ILCS 5/2-105) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-105)

1 Sec. 2-105. Member. "Member": Members of the General
2 Assembly of this State, including persons who enter military
3 service while a member of the General Assembly, and any person
4 serving as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,
5 Treasurer, Comptroller, or Attorney General for the period of
6 service in such office.

7 Any person who has served for 10 or more years as Clerk or
8 Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, Secretary or
9 Assistant Secretary of the Senate, or any combination thereof,
10 may elect to become a member of this system while thenceforth
11 engaged in such service by filing a written election with the
12 board. Any person so electing shall be deemed an active member
13 of the General Assembly for the purpose of validating and
14 transferring any service credits earned under any of the funds
15 and systems established under Articles 3 through 18 of this
16 Code.

17 However, notwithstanding any other provision of this
18 Article, a person shall not be deemed a member for the purposes
19 of this Article unless he or she became a participant of the
20 System before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
21 101st General Assembly.

22 (Source: P.A. 85-1008.)

23 (40 ILCS 5/2-107) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-107)

24 Sec. 2-107. Participant. "Participant": Any member who
25 elects to participate; and any former member who elects to

1 continue participation under Section 2-117.1, for the duration
2 of such continued participation. However, notwithstanding any
3 other provision of this Article, a person shall not be deemed a
4 participant for the purposes of this Article unless he or she
5 became a participant of the System before the effective date of
6 this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.

7 (Source: P.A. 86-1488.)

8 (40 ILCS 5/7-137) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-137)

9 Sec. 7-137. Participating and covered employees.

10 (a) The persons described in this paragraph (a) shall be
11 included within and be subject to this Article and eligible to
12 benefits from this fund, beginning upon the dates hereinafter
13 specified:

14 1. Except as to the employees specifically excluded
15 under the provisions of this Article, all persons who are
16 employees of any municipality (or instrumentality thereof)
17 or participating instrumentality on the effective date of
18 participation of the municipality or participating
19 instrumentality beginning upon such effective date.

20 2. Except as to the employees specifically excluded
21 under the provisions of this Article, all persons, who
22 became employees of any participating municipality (or
23 instrumentality thereof) or participating instrumentality
24 after the effective date of participation of such
25 municipality or participating instrumentality, beginning

1 upon the date such person becomes an employee.

2 3. All persons who file notice with the board as
3 provided in paragraph (b) 2 and 3 of this Section,
4 beginning upon the date of filing such notice.

5 (b) The following described persons shall not be considered
6 participating employees eligible for benefits from this fund,
7 but shall be included within and be subject to this Article
8 (each of the descriptions is not exclusive but is cumulative):

9 1. Any person who occupies an office or is employed in
10 a position normally requiring performance of duty during
11 less than 600 hours a year for a municipality (including
12 all instrumentalities thereof) or a participating
13 instrumentality. If a school treasurer performs services
14 for more than one school district, the total number of
15 hours of service normally required for the several school
16 districts shall be considered to determine whether he
17 qualifies under this paragraph;

18 2. Except as provided in items 2.5, 2.6, ~~and 2.7,~~ and
19 2.8, any person who holds elective office, unless he or she
20 has elected while in that office in a written notice on
21 file with the board to become a participating employee;

22 2.5. Except as provided in item 2.6, any person who
23 holds elective office as a member of a county board,
24 unless:

25 (i) the person was first elected as a member of a
26 county board before the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly;

2 (ii) the person has elected while in that office,
3 in a written notice on file with the board, to become a
4 participating employee;

5 (iii) the county board has filed the resolution
6 required by subsection (a) of Section 7-137.2 of this
7 Article; and

8 (iv) the person has submitted the required time
9 sheets evidencing that the person has met the hourly
10 standard as required by subsection (b) of Section
11 7-137.2 of this Article;

12 2.6. Any person who is an elected member of a county
13 board and is first so elected on or after the effective
14 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly;

15 2.7. Any person who holds part-time office as a member
16 of a governing body, whether he or she is elected or
17 appointed, unless he or she (i) was elected or appointed to
18 that office before the effective date of this amendatory
19 Act of the 100th General Assembly and (ii) has elected
20 while in that office in a written notice on file with the
21 board to become a participating employee. An office as a
22 member of a governing body shall be deemed to be part-time
23 if it normally requires the performance of duty during less
24 than 1000 hours a year for the governing body of the
25 participating municipality or instrumentality;

26 2.8. Any person who holds part-time elective office,

1 unless he or she (i) was elected to that office before the
2 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
3 Assembly and (ii) has elected while in that office in a
4 written notice on file with the board to become a
5 participating employee. An elective office shall be
6 presumed to be part-time in the absence of an official job
7 description or determination by the legal advisor of the
8 applicable participating municipality or participating
9 instrumentality, filed with the Board, declaring the
10 elective position to be full-time;

11 3. Any person working for a city hospital unless any
12 such person, while in active employment, has elected in a
13 written notice on file with the board to become a
14 participating employee and notification thereof is
15 received by the board;

16 4. Any person who becomes an employee after June 30,
17 1979 as a public service employment program participant
18 under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training
19 Act and whose wages or fringe benefits are paid in whole or
20 in part by funds provided under such Act;

21 5. Any person who is actively employed by a
22 municipality on its effective date of participation in the
23 Fund if that municipality (i) has at least 35 employees on
24 its effective date of participation; (ii) is located in a
25 county with at least 2,000,000 inhabitants; and (iii)
26 maintains an independent defined benefit pension plan for

1 the benefit of its eligible employees, unless the person
2 files with the board within 90 days after the
3 municipality's effective date of participation an
4 irrevocable election to participate.

5 (c) Any person electing to be a participating employee,
6 pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section may not change such
7 election, except as provided in Section 7-137.1.

8 (d) Any employee who occupied the position of school nurse
9 in any participating municipality on August 8, 1961 and
10 continuously thereafter until the effective date of the
11 exercise of the option authorized by this subparagraph, who on
12 August 7, 1961 was a member of the Teachers' Retirement System
13 of Illinois, by virtue of certification by the Department of
14 Registration and Education as a public health nurse, may elect
15 to terminate participation in this Fund in order to
16 re-establish membership in such System. The election may be
17 exercised by filing written notice thereof with the Board or
18 with the Board of Trustees of said Teachers' Retirement System,
19 not later than September 30, 1963, and shall be effective on
20 the first day of the calendar month next following the month in
21 which the notice was filed. If the written notice is filed with
22 such Teachers' Retirement System, that System shall
23 immediately notify this Fund, but neither failure nor delay in
24 notification shall affect the validity of the employee's
25 election. If the option is exercised, the Fund shall notify
26 such Teachers' Retirement System of such fact and transfer to

1 that system the amounts contributed by the employee to this
2 Fund, including interest at 3% per annum, but excluding
3 contributions applicable to social security coverage during
4 the period beginning August 8, 1961 to the effective date of
5 the employee's election. Participation in this Fund as to any
6 credits on or after August 8, 1961 and up to the effective date
7 of the employee's election shall terminate on such effective
8 date.

9 (e) Any participating municipality or participating
10 instrumentality, other than a school district or special
11 education joint agreement created under Section 10-22.31 of the
12 School Code, may, by a resolution or ordinance duly adopted by
13 its governing body, elect to exclude from participation and
14 eligibility for benefits all persons who are employed after the
15 effective date of such resolution or ordinance and who occupy
16 an office or are employed in a position normally requiring
17 performance of duty for less than 1000 hours per year for the
18 participating municipality (including all instrumentalities
19 thereof) or participating instrumentality except for persons
20 employed in a position normally requiring performance of duty
21 for 600 hours or more per year (i) by such participating
22 municipality or participating instrumentality prior to the
23 effective date of the resolution or ordinance and (ii) by a
24 participating municipality or participating instrumentality,
25 which had not adopted such a resolution when the person was
26 employed, and the function served by the employee's position is

1 assumed by another participating municipality or participating
2 instrumentality. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a
3 participating municipality or participating instrumentality
4 which is formed solely to succeed to the functions of a
5 participating municipality or participating instrumentality
6 shall be considered to have adopted any such resolution or
7 ordinance which may have been applicable to the employees
8 performing such functions. The election made by the resolution
9 or ordinance shall take effect at the time specified in the
10 resolution or ordinance, and once effective shall be
11 irrevocable.

12 (Source: P.A. 99-900, eff. 8-26-16; 100-274, eff. 1-1-18.)

13 (40 ILCS 5/8-113) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-113)

14 Sec. 8-113. Municipal employee, employee, contributor, or
15 participant. "Municipal employee", "employee", "contributor",
16 or "participant":

17 (a) Any employee of an employer employed in the classified
18 civil service thereof other than by temporary appointment or in
19 a position excluded or exempt from the classified service by
20 the Civil Service Act, or in the case of a city operating under
21 a personnel ordinance, any employee of an employer employed in
22 the classified or career service under the provisions of a
23 personnel ordinance, other than in a provisional or exempt
24 position as specified in such ordinance or in rules and
25 regulations formulated thereunder.

1 (b) Any employee in the service of an employer before the
2 Civil Service Act came in effect for the employer.

3 (c) Any person employed by the board.

4 (d) Any person employed after December 31, 1949, but prior
5 to January 1, 1984, in the service of the employer by temporary
6 appointment or in a position exempt from the classified service
7 as set forth in the Civil Service Act, or in a provisional or
8 exempt position as specified in the personnel ordinance, who
9 meets the following qualifications:

10 (1) has rendered service during not less than 12
11 calendar months to an employer as an employee, officer, or
12 official, 4 months of which must have been consecutive full
13 normal working months of service rendered immediately
14 prior to filing application to be included; and

15 (2) files written application with the board, while in
16 the service, to be included hereunder.

17 (e) After December 31, 1949, any alderman or other officer
18 or official of the employer, who files, while in office,
19 written application with the board to be included hereunder.
20 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, however, a
21 person who holds part-time elective city office is not an
22 employee, contributor, or participant with respect to that
23 office, unless he or she (i) was so elected before the
24 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
25 Assembly and (ii) has elected while in that office to become a
26 contributor. An elective city office shall be presumed to be

1 part-time in the absence of an official job description or
2 determination by the legal advisor of the city, filed with the
3 board, declaring the elective city office to be full-time.

4 (f) Beginning January 1, 1984, any person employed by an
5 employer other than the Chicago Housing Authority or the Public
6 Building Commission of the city, whether or not such person is
7 serving by temporary appointment or in a position exempt from
8 the classified service as set forth in the Civil Service Act,
9 or in a provisional or exempt position as specified in the
10 personnel ordinance, provided that such person is neither (1)
11 an alderman or other officer or official of the employer, nor
12 (2) participating, on the basis of such employment, in any
13 other pension fund or retirement system established under this
14 Act.

15 (g) After December 31, 1959, any person employed in the law
16 department of the city, or municipal court or Board of Election
17 Commissioners of the city, who was a contributor and
18 participant, on December 31, 1959, in the annuity and benefit
19 fund in operation in the city on said date, by virtue of the
20 Court and Law Department Employees' Annuity Act or the Board of
21 Election Commissioners Employees' Annuity Act.

22 After December 31, 1959, the foregoing definition includes
23 any other person employed or to be employed in the law
24 department, or municipal court (other than as a judge), or
25 Board of Election Commissioners (if his salary is provided by
26 appropriation of the city council of the city and his salary

1 paid by the city) -- subject, however, in the case of such
2 persons not participants on December 31, 1959, to compliance
3 with the same qualifications and restrictions otherwise set
4 forth in this Section and made generally applicable to
5 employees or officers of the city concerning eligibility for
6 participation or membership.

7 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section, any
8 person who first becomes employed in the law department of the
9 city on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
10 the 100th General Assembly shall be included within the
11 foregoing definition, effective upon the date the person first
12 becomes so employed, regardless of the nature of the
13 appointment the person holds under the provisions of a
14 personnel ordinance.

15 (h) After December 31, 1965, any person employed in the
16 public library of the city -- and any other person -- who was a
17 contributor and participant, on December 31, 1965, in the
18 pension fund in operation in the city on said date, by virtue
19 of the Public Library Employees' Pension Act.

20 (i) After December 31, 1968, any person employed in the
21 house of correction of the city, who was a contributor and
22 participant, on December 31, 1968, in the pension fund in
23 operation in the city on said date, by virtue of the House of
24 Correction Employees' Pension Act.

25 (j) Any person employed full-time on or after the effective
26 date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly by the

1 Chicago Housing Authority who has elected to participate in
2 this Fund as provided in subsection (a) of Section 8-230.9.

3 (k) Any person employed full-time by the Public Building
4 Commission of the city who has elected to participate in this
5 Fund as provided in subsection (d) of Section 8-230.7.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-23, eff. 7-6-17.)

7 (40 ILCS 5/8-243) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 8-243)

8 Sec. 8-243. Service as alderman or member of city council.

9 Whenever any person has served or hereafter serves as a duly
10 elected alderman or member of the city council of any city of
11 more than 500,000 inhabitants and is or hereafter becomes a
12 contributing participant in any pension fund or any annuity and
13 benefit fund in existence in such city by operation of law, the
14 period of service as such alderman or member of the city
15 council shall be counted as a period of service in computing
16 any annuity or pension which such person may become entitled to
17 receive from such fund upon separation from the service, except
18 as ruled out for minimum annuity purposes in Section
19 8-232(a)(3), and except that service in a part-time elective
20 office of the city shall not be counted unless the official was
21 so elected before the effective date of this amendatory Act of
22 the 101st General Assembly. An elective office shall be
23 presumed to be part-time in the absence of an official job
24 description or determination by the legal advisor of the city,
25 filed with the Board, declaring the elective position to be

1 full-time.

2 (Source: Laws 1963, p. 161.)

3 (40 ILCS 5/9-108) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 9-108)

4 Sec. 9-108. "Employee", "contributor" or "participant".

5 (a) Any employee of the county employed in any position in
6 the classified civil service of the county, or in any position
7 under the County Police Merit Board as a deputy sheriff in the
8 County Police Department.

9 Any such employee employed after January 1, 1968 and before
10 January 1, 1984 shall be entitled only to the benefits provided
11 in Sections 9-147 and 9-156, prior to the earlier of completion
12 of 12 consecutive calendar months of service and January 1,
13 1984, and no contributions shall be made by him during this
14 period. Upon the completion of said period contributions shall
15 begin and the employee shall become entitled to the benefits of
16 this Article.

17 Any such employee may elect to make contributions for such
18 period and receive credit therefor under rules prescribed by
19 the board.

20 Any such employee in service on or after January 1, 1984,
21 regardless of when he became an employee, shall be deemed a
22 participant and contributor to the fund created by this Article
23 and the employee shall be entitled to the benefits of this
24 Article.

25 (b) Any employee of the county employed in any position not

1 included in the classified civil service of the county whose
2 salary or wage is paid in whole or in part by the county. Any
3 such employee employed after July 1, 1957, and before January
4 1, 1984, shall be entitled only to the benefits provided in
5 Sections 9-147 and 9-156, prior to the earlier of completion of
6 12 consecutive calendar months of service and January 1, 1984,
7 and no contributions shall be made by him during this period.
8 Upon the completion of said period contributions shall begin
9 and the employee shall become entitled to the benefits of this
10 Article.

11 Any such employee may elect to make contributions for such
12 period and receive credit therefor under rules prescribed by
13 the board.

14 Any such employee in service on or after January 1, 1984,
15 regardless of when he became an employee, shall be deemed a
16 participant and contributor to the fund created by this Article
17 and the employee shall be entitled to the benefits of this
18 Article.

19 (c) Any full-time county officer elected by vote of the
20 people, including a member of the county board, when such
21 officer elects to become a contributor. A person who holds a
22 part-time elective county office is not an employee,
23 contributor, or participant with respect to that office, unless
24 he or she (i) was elected to that office before the effective
25 date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly and
26 (ii) has elected while in that office to become a contributor.

1 An elective county office shall be presumed to be part-time in
2 the absence of an official job description or determination by
3 the legal advisor of the county, filed with the Board,
4 declaring the elective county office to be full-time.

5 (d) Any person employed by the board.

6 (e) Employees of a County Department of Public Aid in
7 counties of 3,000,000 or more population who are transferred to
8 State employment by operation of law enacted by the 76th
9 General Assembly and who elect not to become members of the
10 Retirement System established under Article 14 of this Code as
11 of the date they become State employees shall retain their
12 membership in the fund established in this Article 9 until the
13 first day of the calendar month next following the date on
14 which they become State employees, at which time they shall
15 become members of the System established under Article 14.

16 (f) If, by operation of law, a function of a "Governmental
17 Unit", as such term is defined in the "Retirement Systems
18 Reciprocal Act" in Article 20 of the Illinois Pension Code, is
19 transferred in whole or in part to the county in which this
20 Article is in force and effect, and employees are transferred
21 as a group or class to such county service, such transferred
22 employee shall, if on the day immediately prior to the date of
23 such transfer he was a contributor and participant in the
24 annuity and benefit fund or retirement system in operation in
25 such other "Governmental Unit" for employees of such Unit,
26 immediately upon such transfer be deemed a participant and

1 contributor to the fund created by this Article.

2 (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)